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**SUBJECT: Policy Letter - Maintaining Radiation Exposures As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) Principles**

**1. References.**

a. AR 11-9, The Army Radiation Safety Program, 28 May 1999,

b. AMC 11-48, Radiation Safety Program, 22 June 2001

2. Radiation sources have long played a part in the U.S. Army Materiel Command's (AMC) mission of equipping and sustaining the force. Our radioactive commodities allow Soldiers to see at night and detect lethal agents. Lasers and microwaves help our forces find the foe before being identified. Depleted uranium ammunition provides an added "punch" to our warfighting capabilities. Equally important are the AMC radiographic facilities that enable our work force to detect potential defects before fielding equipment.

3. The same radioactive sources that provide our Soldiers with a powerful edge can be harmful if misused. We have a responsibility to maintain exposures to these sources as low as reasonably achievable. Doing this means considering the risks versus the benefits of using radiation to accomplish the mission. In other words, we must exercise risk management in all radiation operations and tasks. Maintaining radiation exposures ALARA is more than a philosophy--it is prescribed in the Army's Radiation Safety Program.

4. Each organization is expected to follow the ALARA principles. Your emphasis on risk management will allow AMC to accomplish the mission with due consideration for our soldiers, employees, and the environment.

//Signed//  
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